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THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" There is no proposal at present to construct any railway line in the Nellore district; the question of speeding up these lines does not therefore arise."

SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, when it was surveyed and stones fixed did not the Government feel that the line will pay? "

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" These lines were considered to be unremunerative ones and in regard to financing them, Railway Board require a guarantee from the district boards against loss in the actual working of the lines. As the district board did not give the guarantee, these have not been pursued further."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that Nellore district is very badly served by railway communications and the opening of these lines in the particular area is absolutely necessary? "

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" I have been quite well aware of the paucity of railway communication in the Nellore district. Sir, we shall again take up the matter."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. PRESIDENT.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce that His Excellency the Governor-General has withheld his assent to the Madras Trade Disputes Adjudication (Temporary Provision) Bill, 1946, passed by the Council on the 12th day of September 1946 and the Press Communiqué No. 13, Public (Information and Publicity) Department, dated the 19th March 1947, has been placed on the table of the House."

III.—PRESENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1946–47.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Mr. President, I beg to present the Demands for Grants for further expenditure and Detailed Supplementary Estmates thereof for the year 1946–47.

" I am sure, hon. Members have been supplied with copies of Demands for Grants for further expenditure."

IV.—DISCUSSION *RE* SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" May I bring to your notice, Sir, that the Madras District Municipalities (Amendment) Bill with the report of the Select Committtee is likely to be taken up for discussion in the other House on the 27th instant. That will come up before this House on 28th or 29th, and it is necessary that the Bill should become law before the end of this month. So some time has to be provided for it to be discussed in 3–15 p.m.

a Printed as Appendix on page 431 infra.